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SUBJECT: SOMALI MINISTER OF MONERALS HUSSEIM ABDULKADIR KASSIM

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1. SOMALI MINISTER OF MINERALS AND WATER DEVELOPMENT HUSSEIN ABDULKADIR KASSIM IS ONE OF THE MORE ARTICULATE AND OUTSPOKEN MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT SIAD'S CABINET. HUSSEIN SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HIS MIND IS QUICK AND HIS GRASP OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IS SUBSTANTIAL. HE HAS SERVED AS SIAD'S PERSONAL EMISSARY ON A NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL MISSIONS INCLUDING TRIPS TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING PERIODS OF CRISIS IN THE NOW DEFUNCT SOMALI/SOVIET PARTNERSHIP.

2. THE 33 YEAR OLD MINISTER IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY. HE TOOK PART IN THE DEBATES THAT LED TO THE ABROGATION OF THE SOMALI/SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY ON NOV 13. HUSSEIN CONTENTS THAT HE NEVER BELIEVED THE SOMALI/SOVIET RELATIONSHIP COULD ENDURE ON SOVIET TERMS, AND SPOKE OUT AS A NATIONALIST AGAINST POLICIES THAT HE FELT WERE NOT IN SOMALIA'S INTEREST. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MAKE THE POINT EXPLICITLY, HE HAS ALSO IMPLIED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT THE SOVIETS BLOCKED HIS APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE SPRING OF 1976.

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3. HUSSEIN HAS TRAVELLED WIDELY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE AND AFRICA. HE HAS ALSO VISITED INDIA. IN 1976 HE WAS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DEP ASST SEC TALCOTT SEELYE. THE MINISTER HAS A LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING BACKGROUND. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GRADUATES OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, AND RETURNED IN 1971 AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

AFTER TEN YEARS IN AIRLINE AND OIL COMPANY POSTS. HE WAS AT ONE  
TIME A CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO JURISPRUDENCE PROGRAM AT HARVARD  
UNIVERSITY.  
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